

## WRECKED GIRL'S BODY—HARVESTER TRUST MUST PAY \$8,000, COURT DECIDES

Mary Sheetz was poisoned, changed from a healthy woman into a broken ghost of an invalid in a wheel chair. Guilt is on the International Harvester Co.

This is the decision of appellate court Judges McSurely, Baker and Holdom. Their opinion handed down yesterday confirms circuit court award of \$8,000 to the estate of Mary Sheetz. She died after a jury last year had awarded her \$10,000 and just before Judge Benjamin Pope cut the award from \$10,000 to \$8,000.

If upper courts further sustain the award, the \$8,000 will be paid by the harvester trust to Miss Emma Sheetz, 3963 Drexel bld., a sister of Mary Sheetz, and a brother who is a casual laborer "somewhere in America."

It took seven years for the harvester trust, through the operation of an insanitary print shop at Adams and Jefferson streets, to get Mary Sheetz into an invalid condition sending her to the graveyard.

Charles C. Spencer, attorney for the plaintiff, brought the suit under the new occupational disease act.

"It is the first test case under that law," said Spencer. "Outcome of it in higher courts is watched with interest because it involves the validity of that law."

International Harvester Co. publishes booklets called "The Story of Bread," "The Dawn of Plenty," and like titles. These have been mailed in millions of copies to farmers and country town folks. They tell of civilization in America and how happy the working classes are because Cyrus McCormick invented harvesting machinery and made bread cheap.

Mary Sheetz was a type distributor for the harvester trust. The lead dust on the type got into her blood. By dribbles and dribbles through seven years this dust took away the color of her cheeks and wrecked her.

Dr. George L. Apfelbach, formerly of state factory inspection office, testified it was a case of blood poisoning caused by absorption of lead dust.

Dr. Archibald Church, specialist on occupational diseases, testified that in his belief Miss Sheetz's breakdown was not caused by harvester trust working conditions. The doc stated his fee for consultation and testimony to be \$200 a day.

"I'm glad to hear of the appellate court decision," said Oscar Nelson, state factory inspector, "I testified at the hearing of the case that in my opinion the wrecking of Miss Sheetz's health was either directly caused or highly aggravated by the lead dust she was compelled to handle while working in an establishment not up to the standards of a modern print shop."

## GERMANS STIRRED UP OVER LUSITANIA SETTLEMENT

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Lusitania settlement has suddenly become center of violent party storms in Germany.

Newspapers today attacked Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Secretary von Jagow with unprecedented vigor for failing to explain terms of settlement in Prussian house of commons. Declared that public should be permitted to know whether Germany has made any further concessions, tending to cripple her submarine commanders.

## FORD PEACE TRIBUNAL MEETS

New York, Feb. 15.—Different groups of Ford permanent peace tribunal held special sessions in Stockholm today. Full meeting of the tribunal will be held tomorrow.

London.—3 officials of London branch of Fownes Glove Co. today pleaded guilty to charge of trading with alien enemies of Great Britain.